

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

*February 28, 2019
City of Raleigh, NC
421 Fayetteville St., 12th Floor
Raleigh, NC 27602
919-996-4330*

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Raleigh.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about **April 1, 2019**, the City of Raleigh will submit a request to the HUD/Greensboro Field Office for the release of federal funds under the federal CDBG program under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, as amended, to undertake a project known as 1810 Oakwood Ave Demolition Project.

The 1810 Oakwood Ave. Demolition Project will include the demolition of one multi-family structure containing seven vacant rental units. The property is bounded by Oakwood Ave. to the north, North Fisher St. to the east, Pender St. to the south, and North Carver St. to the west. This activity is being undertaken under the Slum and Blight National Objective on a spot basis to eliminate specific conditions of blight and physical decay with Low/Mod benefit on an areawide basis. The site is located within the HUD approved College Park NRSA. The future plan for the land, following demolition, includes the development of town homes consistent with the College Park NRSA. When complete, East College Park will contain 98 single family homes and up to 51 townhomes. Per the approved NRSA, not less than 51% of the new homes will be sold to low to moderate income households having incomes at or below 80% of the AMI. The estimated expenditure of federal funds by the City is anticipated to not exceed \$50,000.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Raleigh has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. The Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determination for this project is on file at the City of Raleigh Department of Housing & Neighborhoods Community Development Division at 421 Fayetteville Street, 12th floor, where the ERR can be examined and is available for review and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Raleigh Community Development Division. All comments received by March 31, 2019, will be considered by the City of Raleigh prior to authorizing submission of the request for release of funds.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Raleigh certifies to the HUD/Greensboro Field Office that Ruffin Hall in his capacity as City Manager consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The HUD/Greensboro Field Office's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The HUD/Greensboro Field Office will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Raleigh's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases:

- a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Raleigh;
- b) the City of Raleigh has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58;
- c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the HUD/Greensboro Field Office; or
- d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality.

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to:

**Lenwood E. Smith, II, PWS
Environmental Protection Specialist
US Dept. of HUD – Greensboro Field Office
2306 W. Meadowview Road
Greensboro, NC 27407**

Potential objectors should contact the HUD/Greensboro Field Office at 336-547-4000 to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Ruffin Hall, City Manager